Zoning Resolution

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119-10 - PROVISIONS REGULATING TIER I SITES

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#Tier I sites# shall be regulated by the provisions set forth in this Section, inclusive.

119-11 - Tier I Requirements

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119-111 - Tier I tree preservation requirements

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12/7/1999

To the maximum extent possible, existing trees shall be retained. Trees of six-inch #caliper# or more may only be removed or destroyed as a result of a #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration#, provided that:

(a) such trees are located in areas to be occupied by #buildings#, #private roads#, driveways, areas for required #accessory# parking, or within a distance of 15 feet of the exterior walls of such #building#, provided that it is not possible to avoid such removal by adjustments in the arrangement of such #buildings#, driveways or required parking areas;

(b) the continued presence of such tree would create special hazards or dangers to persons or property, which would not be possible or practical to eliminate by pruning;

(c) the continued presence of such tree would interfere with the growth or health of another tree of six-inch #caliper# or more designated for preservation and belonging to a species listed in Appendix B (Selection List for On-site Trees); or

(d) an authorization pursuant to Section 119-313 (Modification of landscaping, tree preservation and tree planting requirements) has been granted by the City Planning Commission approving the removal of such trees.

Any tree of six-inch #caliper# or more that cannot be preserved as a result of a proposed #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration# shall be replaced pursuant to the provisions of Section 119-112 (Tier I tree planting requirements).

119-112 - Tier I tree planting requirements

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All #developments#, #enlargements# and #site alterations# on #Tier I sites# shall comply with the tree planting requirements set forth in this Section, whether or not existing trees are removed as a result of such #development#, #enlargement# or #site alteration#. However, the requirements set forth herein shall not apply to any #enlargement# of an existing #building#, provided that such #enlargement# does not increase the #lot coverage# of said #building#.

On-site trees, pre-existing or newly planted, shall be provided on the #zoning lot# at the rate of one tree for each 1,000 square feet of #lot area#, or portion thereof, or shall equal a total of 51 percent of all #tree credits# for trees originally on site, whichever is greater.

For any existing tree of at least six-inch #caliper# that is preserved, credit for one tree shall be given for the first six inches of #caliper# and, for each additional four inches of #caliper#, credit for an additional tree shall be given.

Single-trunk trees, newly planted to meet this requirement, shall be of at least three-inch #caliper# at the time of planting. Multiple-trunk trees and low-branching coniferous evergreens shall be at least 10 feet in height at the time of planting. On-site trees shall be of a species selected from Appendix B (Selection List for On-site Trees).

119-113 - Tier I controls during construction

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The following requirements must be met during construction:

(a) Construction fences shall be erected around all #areas of no disturbance#.

A #tree protection plan# is required to modify the #area of no disturbance# around trees proposed for preservation.

(b) The #staging area# shall be located in an area that would most minimize destruction of the natural features of the landscape. Such area shall be as close to the construction area on the #zoning lot# as practical, and shall be either on the flattest portion of the #zoning lot# or behind a containment wall where it will not erode any #area of no disturbance# or endanger any tree designated for preservation.

(c) #Topsoil# shall be used in the area to be revegetated as soon as construction is complete.

(d) Any exposed earth area shall have straw, jute matting or geotextiles placed on it within two days of exposure and be seeded with annual rye grass during construction.

119-12 - Tier I Submission Requirements

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For all #developments#, #enlargements# or #site alterations# on #Tier I sites#, the following materials shall be submitted to the Department of Buildings. However, the submission requirements set forth herein shall not apply to an #enlargement# of an existing #residential building#, provided that such #enlargement# does not increase the #lot coverage# of said #building#. No building permit shall be issued until the Department of Buildings determines that the requirements of the #Special Hillsides Preservation District# have been met.

(a) A survey map prepared by a licensed surveyor showing topography at two-foot contour intervals and indicating the existing slope of the land, as it occurs, in categories of 10–14 percent, 15–19 percent, 20–24 percent, 25 percent and greater; the location of existing #buildings or other structures#, patios, decks, swimming pools, walkways, driveways and #private roads#, including sidewalks and other impervious surfaces; and the location, #caliper# and species of all trees of six-inch #caliper# or more on the #zoning lot# and in the sidewalk area of the adjacent #streets#.

(b) A site plan prepared by a registered architect or professional engineer indicating the location of all existing #buildings or other structures#; the location of all proposed #buildings or other structures#; the location of existing and proposed patios, decks, swimming pools, walkways, driveways and #private roads#, including sidewalks and other impervious surfaces; the location of any #steep slopes#, #steep slope buffer# areas and the #staging area#; and the

location, #caliper# and species of all trees of six-inch #caliper# or more on the #zoning lot# and in the sidewalk area of the adjacent #streets#. The site plan shall identify those trees proposed to be removed and those trees proposed to be preserved, indicating, for the latter, the #critical root zone#.

(c) A tree-planting plan, prepared by a registered landscape architect, indicating the location and species of all new plantings, and indicating the location of and the #critical root zone# around all trees proposed for preservation.

119-13 - Administration of Tier I Requirements

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No permanent certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Department of Buildings unless an inspection report, verifying that the requirements of Section 119-10 (PROVISIONS REGULATING TIER I SITES) have been met, is filed with the Department of Buildings by a registered landscape architect, licensed surveyor, registered architect or professional engineer.